

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 26, 1887, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Halifax, N. S. May 26th, 1887.

My darling Mabel:

Just a line as it is half-past two A. M.

I telegraphed you that Mr. Hind had consented to a verdict of guilty with damages \$1500 and costs — so Fritz is much relieved. I was interviewed this evening — so my testimony concerning the past character of Fritz and etc., will probably appear all wrong! (as usual) in the papers. Have been hard at work all day — in the old St. Paul's burying ground copying records from tombstones. Interviewed a Brown. Lunched at the Halifax Club with Mr. Hunt (of counsel for Fritz) and Mr. Heary (of counsel for Mr. Hind)

Met Mr. McLean there and also Mr. Kenny. All inquired for you and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard.

Also met a lady, Mrs. DeWitt(?) who remembered you in Cambridge as a little girl. Knew you before you had scarlet fever. Talked of your mother as an angel of goodness and kindness. Thought you would not remember her. She was a Miss (?) Pryor (?) of Cambridge.

The sexton of old St. Paul's has lent me the old church records and I have just finished my Brown extracts. Extract of Brown cain grano salis has proved a good antidote to headache!!

Fritz invited a number of gentlemen to meet me this evening and we have had a very pleasant meeting.

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Names: Capt. Rawson of the Royal Engineers in charge of Submarine mining —
Torpedoes and etc., (Electrician)

Troop — Mr. W. H. Merchant — young man who told me two summers ago that Fritz was
still in the land of the living.

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Trett — Capt. of the cable steamer "Minie" Electrician.

Hamilton, Mr. F. — Chief Electrician of the cable steamer "Minis."

Edwards, Mr. A. C. — of the Equitable Insurance Company.

Harvey, Mr. G. — Painter and Artist.

Read, Dr. H. (M. D.) Homoeopathic. Physician in chief to H. R. H. Frederick Caesar John
Samuel Martin Sumichrast!

Had a very jolly evening. Glad to have had opportunity of meeting electrical people.
Regular electrical talk bristling with Ohms — Megohms — Electric Potential — Induction
Balance — Photophone — and etc., etc., — and Telephone ad nauseam!

Capt. Rawson told me that he had a model of a boat that was moved without mechanism
— moved in some mysterious manner by a struggle of electric currents! No paddle wheels
— Screw propeller — or any mechanical parts whatever. Though I gave him plenty of
opportunity — he did not expand upon details — so I presumed he did not wish to explain
too fully.

Received your note today containing blank cheques — Thanks.

I find that I cannot get a boat to Baddeck until Tuesday. The St. Pierre is laid up by rough
usage from ice. There is much ice — still — outside Cape Breton Island near the Canal. If

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I started for there now — I could only proceed overland — by mail — over roads that are now in a terrible condition.

Genealogical attractions in Wolfville and Horton combine to lead me to spend Sunday this side of Cape Breton and proceed for the straights Monday.

I go to Wolfville tomorrow afternoon. Further movements to 3 be determined according to circumstances.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumichrast desire to be remembered. I was introduced to the school girls today. The boys made the air vocal with congratulations on their teachers success in his suit.

Mr. Hind — his traducer — suddenly packed his valise and left the city — for Windsor N. S. — Sudden change in the weather did not agree with him — Temperature something fearful.

Your loving husband, Alec.